

twenty days after said description is filed with a justice of the peace, then the impounded stock shall, after ten days' written notice, posted in three or more public places in said township where the stock is impounded, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, and apply the proceeds to the payment of all costs and damages provided for in this act, and the balance he shall turn over to the owner, if known, and if the owner be not known, then to the county treasurer, to be paid out by order of the county commissioners, for the building and repairing of fences, as provided for in this act.

To recover double damages for injury done by stock.

SEC. 5. That any person who may suffer damages by reason of stock running at large, may recover double the amount of damages by an action against the owner of said stock.

Unlawful rescue a misdemeanor.

SEC. 6. That any person unlawfully rescuing or releasing any impounded stock, or attempting to do so, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.

What "stock" includes.

SEC. 7. That the word stock in this act shall be construed to mean horses, mules, jacks, jennets, colts, cows, calves, sheep, goats, geese, hogs, and all such cattle and swine.

Commissioners erect fence.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the board of commissioners of said county to forthwith erect a good and lawful fence around said county, except on the Virginia line, with gates across the public roads leading into said county: *Provided*, no fence shall be erected along the boundary line of any county, township or district where a stock law prevails, and to defray the expense of the same they shall expend the amount of tax levied and collected in the several townships in said county for building township or district line fences, and in those townships or districts in said county where there have been no taxes collected for building fences, they shall forthwith levy and collect an assessment not to exceed

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